

ShoreScore Update

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Shoreline Program



On May 28th, the Planning Commission delivered the draft SMP to the City Council. Chairman John Carlson, (shown here speaking to the Council) and members Diane Tebelius and Hal Ferris explained the update process and the issues the Commission tackled in developing the draft program.

The package of information provided the City Council can be accessed on line by [clicking here](#).

The Council took no action on the SMP and will return to this subject in July, we're told.

County Proposes River Re-Meander Project

King County has announced a **public meeting for Thursday, June 27th**. The meeting will be at Marymoor Park's **Clise Mansion between 6:30 and 8PM**. It will kick off a public involvement process for the [Willowmoor Remeander Project](#).

The meeting announcement states "... *this phase will gather data and public feedback on selecting a design to reconfigure the channel to maintain or improve flood and lake level control and improve water quality and habitat conditions.*" An advisory group will be selected from those expressing interest.

We encourage you to attend! The call for public input will not be limited to shoreline residents. Many groups have interest in this section of the river (see below). For more information, [click here](#).

¹ Prior issues of ShoreScore Updates are available online at [WSSA's homepage](#).

Pop Quiz on Lake Sammamish Water Levels

Speaking of things affecting Lake Sammamish drainage, the elevation of the lake has receded to less than 26.5 ft. (30.1, if you use the new, 1988 datum). Can you guess how long it's been since it was this low?² (See answer, below)

As you know, the lake's Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM), according to the Corps of Engineers, is expected to be at 27 ft. (old 1929 datum). Except for two brief periods, the lake has been above that level since November.

Park Interest Groups & You

An interest group has formed to *increase the number of users of the State Park and obtain funding to implement an improvement plan that was approved in 2007*. [Friends of Lake Sammamish State Park](#) (FLSSP) apparently already has \$500,000 from the State to begin a boardwalk along Issaquah Creek which will be completed this fall. They also need and are seeking an additional \$500,000 from the State to bring in sand to cover the current beach which has a rocky surface.



The next priority is a bathhouse which is estimated to be a \$3 – 4 million project. They hope the State will authorize funding as part of the budget this year.

A group similar to FLSSP already exists for Marymoor. [Friends of Marymoor Park](#), or FOMP, has been in existence for several years and lists itself as *group of park users and neighbors of Marymoor Park*. The group meets regularly (on the *fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Art Barn northeast of Clise Mansion in the park*) to share information and help enhance and better utilize the facilities and programs within the park.

These organizations may reflect a trend in government agencies encouraging public groups to advocate for park needs. Acting as the voice of “the public”, they provide the new equivalent of lobbying groups. WSSA encourages shoreline property owners to become involved to assure a full/balanced representation of interest groups.



Your Support

Thank you to all who've kept WSSA's efforts moving forward. Your continued support is appreciated and needed as the SMP moves to the next stage and we deal with issues such as described in this issue.

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² Not since the end of October of last year! Or, more than 7 months!